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**From:** Nishida, Jane [Nishida.Jane@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 10/22/2018 4:53:24 PM  
**To:** Smith, Walker [Smith.Walker@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Bailey, Marianne [Bailey.Marianne@epa.gov]; Finman, Hodayah [Finman.Hodayah@epa.gov]; MacDonald, Ted [MacDonald.Ted@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: Present US Clean Air Act at First Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health?

Agreed, I would prefer to focus more on international efforts such as air quality monitoring and capacity building.

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On Oct 22, 2018, at 6:58 PM, Smith, Walker <Smith.Walker@epa.gov> wrote:

The original title for this session did not have such a strong domestic focus, so we are a little surprised by this. Our thoughts had been to give many of the talking points that the Acting Administrator had given about the value that we have seen in the US from our Clean Air Act, rather than the structure of the Act, and also to talk about our international efforts. We are now contacting OAR to try to get a couple of slides on the Clean Air Act to add to the presentation, hoping that they have a lot of off the shelf Clean Air Act 101 slides.

Perhaps you can advise her that you are happy to address our domestic efforts but also want to talk about our international efforts. That would give us a bit of leeway to address this latest iteration of the agenda. I also think that what we were proposing would be more interesting to the participants.

I hope that the Israel trip is going well.

*Walker B. Smith  
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**Subject:** Fwd: Present US Clean Air Act at First Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health?

Presume you are okay with this?

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "PETTERSEN, Marit Viktoria" <pettersenm@who.int>  
**Date:** October 21, 2018 at 10:10:15 PM GMT+3  
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**Subject: Present US Clean Air Act at First Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health?**

Dear Jane,

I'm contacting you on behalf of the Organizing Committee of the WHO Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health, taking place in Geneva from 30 October to 1 November, as you probably are well aware. We look forward to having a strong presence from the US at the conference, including from US EPA, and have a proposal in that regard.

During the High Level Action Day, 1 November, there will be a session on Country Experience, as a part of the session: From evidence to action, see outline of the session from the provisional programme below. We would like to include a presentation from the US, focusing on the Clean Air Act, and progress made the past years/decennia. We believe it would be important to showcase successes/opportunities and barriers related to implementation of the Clean Act, since many countries of the world would have a lot to learn from your experience. In some continents only few countries have air control regulations at all, so this would be a very important contribution to the conference.

Each presentation would be allocated 7 minutes, so it would only be a snapshot, and allow for a few highlights. However, we wanted to check with you if you could be willing to present during that session. We apologize for the late notice, but hope you still would consider our proposal.

I will come back with more information on the format etc when we hear back from you.

Hoping for a positive answer!

Thanks and best regards,  
Marit

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## Plenary session VII – From evidence to action (*continued*)

In this session, we will hear representatives of different countries/region present on their experiences in cleaning air, e.g. successful policies, measure and initiatives.

Presentations:

- China
- European Union
- India
- Kenya
- Mexico
- USA

Remarks by **Monsignor Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo**, Chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences

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**From:** Nishida, Jane [<mailto:Nishida.Jane@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** 08 January 2018 18:05

**To:** HINSCH, Michael-oliver; NEIRA, Maria Purificacion

**Cc:** MAIERO, Marina; FORBES-HEDBERG, Clare; PETTERSEN, Marit Viktoria; Finman, Hodayah; Besch, Brianna

**Subject:** RE: Your discussion with Dr Neira & Mrs Maiero at UNEA in Nairobi

Dear Maria,

It was a pleasure to meet with you and Mrs. Maiero while at UNEA-3 in Nairobi last month, and thank you to Mr. Hinsch for the follow-up email. I appreciated our discussion of the important inter-linkages between environment and health. As poor air quality is responsible for 6.5 million premature deaths annually and impacts from priority toxics such as mercury and lead are pressing environmental health concerns, these issues are priority issues for USEPA and we would be pleased to engage in further discussions.

The Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health, scheduled for the fall of 2018, sounds like an excellent opportunity to review progress and set the stage for further actions. We would appreciate more information on this Conference, including the WHO Urban Health Initiative's city-level approach, as well as ongoing projects such as Urban Health Initiative and BreatheLife campaign. We would also be interested in information on the upcoming World Health Assembly in May, especially topics related to environment and health.

EPA has been working with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to raise awareness of the need to more fully address environmental risk factors as part of WHO planning with respect to non-communicable diseases (NCDs). We had positive results from this collaboration resulting in the inclusion of stronger language on environmental risk factors in the WHO 2018-2030 Roadmap to NCDs, agreed in October in Montevideo.

I suggest that our staff discuss the upcoming World Health Assembly and the Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health, and identify potential opportunities to reinforce the environmental risk factors language as well as explore other areas of collaboration. Hodayah Finman and Brianna Besch, from my office, will reach out to Mr. Hinsch in the next week.

Warm regards and Happy New Year!

Jane

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**Subject:** Your discussion with Dr Neira & Mrs Maiero at UNEA in Nairobi

Dear Dr Nishida, dear Mrs Besch

On behalf of Dr Neira, it is my pleasure to follow up with you on the bilateral discussion you had with Dr Neira and Mrs Maiero at UNEA in Nairobi earlier this month.

As briefly mentioned in Nairobi, WHO is preparing for the very first Global Conference on Air Pollution and Health, which will take place in Geneva from 30 October to 1 November 2018. The conference will bring together more than 400 participants from WHO Member States, civil society, academia and economic sectors, and has the objective to review progress and agree on further action required to ensure an effective and appropriate response to address the health impacts of air pollution.

Among other activities, the conference will highlight ongoing work and present results of the WHO Urban Health Initiative and its innovative concept of reducing air pollution by catalyzing sector policy change on city level by promoting health evidence, health competency and health communications.

We would be delighted to discuss with you in more detail about the conference and its components and explore options how you can get involved. It would also be our pleasure to discuss ongoing projects such as the Urban Health Initiative and the BreatheLife campaign.

We are looking forward to hearing from you and to continue this conversation soon in the coming year.

For the time being I am wishing you a festive Holiday Season and all the best for 2018!

Best regards,

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